

San Marcos Association

November 15, 2012 Board Meeting

Location: Helen Boyce's House

Board Members present: Walter Wait, Isolde wait, Gail Buono, Alexis Higginbotham, Archi Tew, Nei Smith, Helen Boyce and Les Hancock

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 PM.

Treasurer's report: \$1,561.68

The meeting was immediately turned over to Gail who delivered a report on the status of our IRS application. This application must be submitted by December in order for the association to regain its tax exempt status.

Gail posed a number of questions to the Board. First, we were a 501c4 organization, Not a 501c3. When did this occur? Second the fiscal year ends in either Feb. or Dec. Which is it? The Board agreed that it has been Feb. Third, Gail asked where the by-laws are that the SMA is operating under. We need to submit a copy with the re-application. There does not appear to be a copy of the 2007-8 by-laws that were either signed by the Board or approved at a general meeting. Gail stated that she might be able to find out the answers on the NM PRC Website. Wait stated that he thought that the revised by-laws might still be with Sig Silber - who was president at that time. Gail stated that the 501c4 application is a shorter form, requiring fewer details then for 5013C. No political endorsements allowed. She asked if SMA has any qualifications for membership. There does not appear to be any in the By-laws. Gail and Walt agreed to meet to iron out all of the questions and prepare the justifications necessary to submit the application. Confirming the decisions made in October, the board unanimously agreed to expend \$100 for the re-application Fee and agreed that the application should be mailed off before the December IRS deadline.

Gail stated that once the IRS approves our re-instatement, we have to plead our case to the NM PRC. This application may cost us as much as \$400.00 A motion was made by Walter and Seconded by Alexis to permit the expenditure of funds to make this re-application should the need arise. It was approved unanimously. Gail proposed that we advertise and promote membership, both paid and unpaid. Wait stated that we needed to build a membership list that we could use to demonstrate to the County that SMA does in fact represent the areas residents. Discussion followed.

Gail also stated that the adds in our newsletter are considered “sponsorships” and would not be considered as taxable income.

Les Reported on Web-site and Facebook activity. he stated that there was no bids for the donated squash Blossom Necklace. Wait suggested a re-advertisement at a buy-it-now price of \$700 for two weeks. Discussion followed.

Wait discussed the status of the proposed Land Use Code. It is no longer available for comment and is not ready for submission to the County Commission. We expect to be able to review a second draft sometime in the Spring.

Wait reported on the Solid waste Task Force meetings which he chairs. The task Force members are still trying to find ways to fund the transfer stations and inaugurate curb-side pick-up at a reasonable price. Wait mentioned an annual tax on land-owners. He mentioned that the 15 member Task Force had visited all of the County Transfer stations. Discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at apx. 9:00 PM

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